

From: LCOM Office of the Dean

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Subject: On Behalf of the Gold Humanism Honor Society ~ Announcement

Good afternoon,

Six weeks ago, the Larner College of Medicine's Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) in partnership with the UVM Medical Center reached out to request nominations for the Gold Foundation's Champions in Humanism award. This award was designed as a tribute to healthcare professionals for the humanistic care they have displayed through this COVID-19 crisis, and we were called to recognize three members of our community who provided courage, compassion and dedication to their patients during the pandemic. Many of you took the time to nominate and honor a colleague. The response was outstanding, and 114 people were put forward for consideration.

Out of an amazing group of people, **Gretchen Berry** from the Department of Nutritional Services, **Colleen Roach** from the Department of Nursing and **Dr. Josh Farkas** from the Department of Medicine were selected to be the LCOM/UVMCC Gold Foundation Champions in Humanism. With these selections, we are also honoring their colleagues in nutrition, infusion, and pulmonary/critical care, respectively.

The awardees will be recognized on June 10th, at the [Gold Foundation's 2021 Annual Gala](#), alongside three incredible national champions of humanism: Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dr. Wayne Riley, and Dr. Eric Topol!

We also want to acknowledge **all** the nominees and thank each of you for your dedication to our patients and commitment to humanistic care. You are the heart of our College and Medical Center. You provide an environment where patients not only receive state-of-the-art medical science but also compassion, kindness, and the extra services that make any burden of suffering more bearable. During this particularly hard year you have served despite personal anxieties; you have been patient despite the ever-evolving landscape; you have been kind to each other despite the stress; you have given a little more despite your fatigue; and you have been there for patients when their loved ones could not. Thank you. Your dedication and hard work were noticed!

(see below for full list of nominees)

Congratulations to our Gold Foundation Champions in Humanism and to all our nominees!

With appreciation,

Andrea Green, M.D.

Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Faculty Councilor, The Robert Larner M.D. College of Medicine

Richard L. Page, M.D.

Dean, The Robert Larner M.D. College of Medicine

Stephen M. Leffler, M.D.

President & Chief Operating Officer, University of Vermont Medical Center

Nominations for Champions in Humanism Awards

(Selected recipients indicated in bold and italics)

Physician Nominations

Gil Allen	Judith Lewis
Edward Borrazzo	Lauren MacAfee
Margaret Butler	Mariah McNamara
Douglas Campbell	Richard Mendez
Keith Collins	Isaura Menzies
Josh Farkas	Alexandra Messerli
Kristina Foreman	Cindy Noyes
Andrew Goodwin	Macaulay Onuigbo
Robert Gramling	Thomas Peterson
Steven Grant	Elizabeth Pierson
Karin Gray	Jeffery Rimmer
David Kaminsky	Keith Robinson
Jay Kikut	Bruno Soares
Brian Kim	Susan Weinstein
John Lawlis	Christina Wojewoda
MaryEllen Antkowiak	

Nurse Nominations

Angela Belval	Katie Peters
Linda Clark	Monica Raymond
Therese Dinneen	Joanne Rheauume
Nicole Dragoon	Colleen Roach
Kristine Ericksen	Lauren Rolandini
Daniel Hudson	Mark Sgantas
Crystal Irving	Amber Snow
Lisa Koep	Carolyn Terhune
Danielle Landy	Susan Toolin
Nancy Malhotra	Terry Trombino
Mary McCann	Jack Werner
Tara Pacy	Alison Williams
Kayla Panko	Tyler Wright
Traci Patterson	

Healthcare Team Member Nominations

Amanda Bacon	Alison Jones
Julio Baez	Catherine King
Margaret Barrett	Christine Leibold
Patricia Barrow	Tara McCuin
Armina Barucic	Alyssa Mercy
Gretchen Berry	Caitlin Orton
Wendy Champney	Jordan Paquette
Gretchen Daly	Rhonda Poulin
Danielle DeLongis	Brianna Prim
Joshua Derosia	Rebecca Reynolds
Amy Ducharme	Lori Ann Roy
Jeffrey Endicott	Jacqueline Salek
Matthew Flint	Lori Salter
Denise Francis	Amy Saunders
Roberta Francis	Lisa Shappy
Jacqueline Girardin	Jayesh Shukla
Paula Gonyea	Caitlyn Silverstrim
Lisa Goodwin	Lindsey Simpson
Karen GordonTarte	Amy Sitterly
Hannah Greenough	Kevin Smith
Jennifer Hauptman	Tammy Stockton
Michael Heyman	Debra Stone
Misa Heysler	Zachary Sullivan
Tania Hong	Dawn Tanguay
Katrina Ingalls	Heather Taylor
Federica Jackson	Tonya Wilkinson
Maureen Johnson	Tiffani Wood

COVID BIPOC Community Outreach Team: including Maria Mercedes Avila and Kristen Pierce